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The reason of liberty must be...  
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### EDITORIALS

#### Taxing the Rich

President Roosevelt's recommendation to Congress that legislation be enacted to impose larger taxes on the wealthy to help defray the necessary expenses of the Government brought forth a chorus of opposition from the conservative groups who believe that under the American flag there should be two economic classes, the rich and the poor, and that the duty of the poor is to slave all of their lives for a scant living in good times and exist on public or private charity in bad times.

According to the President's plan, the increased tax on big income would not add \$400,000,000 inheritance and higher gift taxes would yield about \$200,000,000. The larger tax on corporation incomes would yield about \$100,000,000. The three increases total only \$340,000,000.

The tax plan places more of the burden of taxation on the rich who are able to pay it without reducing their living standards, and relieves those with small incomes of taxes which would necessarily reduce their living standards.

One feature of the President's recommendation should not be overlooked. It is the influence which the increased taxes on larger incomes, and especially the inheritance and gift taxes, will have on breaking up accumulations of wealth and thus indirectly bring about a redistribution of wealth. This objective is commendable.

Increased taxes on larger incomes and inheritances is a fundamental policy of the American Federation of Labor and was unanimously approved by the delegates to the 1934 Convention of that organization.

To those who accurately view the economic and social crisis of the present with an army of unemployed and a class of idlers, the plan is a bold, audacious, necessitating billions of dollars to support them, either by charity or work relief, the President's tax increase recommendations appear very moderate. They are, however, a step in the right direction.

#### Jobs for Youths

President Roosevelt has established a National Youth Administration within the Works Progress Administration to supply work and vocational education to unemployed young men and women.

The \$500,000,000 appropriated for the National Youth Administration, it is believed that at least 500,000 young people most of whom have been locked out of employment by those who own and control industry will be given employment and opportunities for development.

In announcing the venture the President said:

"I have determined that we shall do something for the nation's unemployed youth because we can ill afford to lose the skill and energy of these young men and women. They must have their chance at school, their training and their opportunity for jobs—a chance to work and earn for themselves."

According to the President's order the National Youth Administration is designed to achieve four broad objectives. It will give young persons work on youth projects, allow them to finish high school and college, train and retain them for private employment, and undertake to secure work for them in private industry.

The pay schedule provides \$15 a month for youths on work relief, \$18 a month for those in school, and \$24 a month for those in high school.

One of the greatest tragedies of the prolonged business depression is the destruction of the morale of hundreds of thousands of young people who on leaving our educational institutions have found themselves barred from practically all employment. Thousands of boys and girls have also been compelled to leave school because their jobless parents were unable to pay schooling costs.

The \$500,000,000 National Youth Administration will remedy much of this and impart new morale to the young.

In the language of the President, "the yield on this investment should be high."

One feature of the program, however, should be carefully guarded. It is the plan to train youths for private employment and secure work for them in private industry. Employers, uncontrolled by trade union organizations, usually employ young people because they consent to work for lower wages than adult men and women. They must be prevented from using the President's plan to break down wage scales in private industry.

#### DEPORTATION OF MILLIONS OF ALIENS URGED BY DIES

Wholesale victimization of immigrants planned by Texas Congressmen.

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—The deportation of 1,000,000 aliens from the United States is envisioned by Representative Dies of Texas as a measure to be taken before the House Immigration Committee.

Pointing out that there were about 1,500,000 foreign born in this country, Mr. Dies said that his bill would deport the deportation of 1,000,000 aliens from this country and permit them to leave the country for illegal entry or to be deported.

In addition he said that under his proposed measure "all aliens must be removed from the country and the House Immigration Committee must be kept informed of the progress of the deportation of 1,000,000 aliens from this country."

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#### DILLON'S LABOR BROADCAST CANCELLED IN MUNICH, IND

Motor Magnates Objected to Auto Workers Hearing Speech by Labor Organizer.

By A. F. L. News Service.

Detroit, Mich.—The termination of automobile manufacturers to prevent their employees from listening to the broadcast of a speech by Walter P. Reuther, labor leader, was announced by the Motor Magnates Objected to Auto Workers Hearing Speech by Labor Organizer.

Mr. Reuther, who is a member of the American Federation of Labor, was scheduled to give a speech at the Motor Magnates Objected to Auto Workers Hearing Speech by Labor Organizer.

#### Police Will Use 1,500-Volt Shock from Electric Goggles to Subdue Strike "Rioters"

By A. F. L. News Service.

New York, N. Y.—The Police Department of New York City has ordered the use of electric goggles to subdue strike "rioters" in the city.

The goggles, which are used to subdue rioters, are used to subdue rioters in the city.

### Government Plans Separate Relief Work Program for 500,000 Idle Women

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—It was officially announced here that the Government will set up a separate relief work program for 500,000 idle women.

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#### 40-Hour Week Pact Without Pay Cut Adopted by Geneva Labor Conference

By A. F. L. News Service.

Geneva, Switzerland.—The International Labor Conference adopted a 40-hour week pact without pay cut.

The pact, which was adopted by the conference, provides for a 40-hour week without a corresponding reduction in wages.

#### 10 SEAMEN QUIT JOBS ON MOVING OIL TANKER

Men Claim They Were "Shanghaied" And Taken Aboard Cite Service Vessel.

By A. F. L. News Service.

Lewes, Del.—Charging that they had been "shanghaied" aboard the oil tanker, ten seamen quit their jobs on the vessel.

#### NRA DOES NOT ENTHUSE OVER VOLUNTARY CODES

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—The members of the National Recovery Administration (NRA) do not enthusiastically endorse voluntary codes.

#### Former U. S. Aid Indicted For Naturalization Frauds

New York, N. Y. (AP)—Federal grand jury indicted a former United States aid for naturalization frauds.

#### BENNETT RAPS CANADIAN RELIEF CAMP STRIKERS

By A. F. L. News Service.

Ottawa, Can.—Prime Minister Bennett rapped Canadian relief camp strikers.

#### \$249,000,000 Housing Plans Are Turned Over to Hopkins

Washington, D. C. (AP)—The \$249,000,000 housing plan was turned over to the Housing Administration.

### NEW RAILROAD PENSION BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

Measures Offered by Wagner and Cresser in Place of Act of 1934.

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Wagner of New York and Representative Cresser of Ohio introduced two bills providing pensions for railroad employees to replace the Railroad Retirement Act which was held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

### Wagner-Connelly Labor Disputes Act Says Encouragement of Collective Bargaining Is "Public Policy of the United States"

By A. F. L. News Service.

The underlying purpose of the Wagner-Connelly Labor Disputes Act, passed by the United States Congress, is to encourage the use of collective bargaining by employers in dealing with the rights of workers to organize in bona fide labor unions for the purpose of securing better bargaining methods to adjust labor disputes.

#### RECORD VOTES ON BILLS SUGGESTED BY ROOSEVELT

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington, D. C.—The tendency of record votes on bills suggested by President Roosevelt.

### Philadelphia Leather Workers Win Big Victory in Forfeeder Company Strike

Three Hundred Enroll in Union, Which the Company Recognized.

By A. F. L. News Service.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Employees of the Forfeeder Company won a big victory in their strike.

### Amalgamated Clothing Workers Give Anti-Fascist, Anti-Nazi Fund \$2,500

By A. F. L. News Service.

New York, N. Y.—The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America has contributed \$2,500 to an anti-fascist fund.

#### Wagner Considers Licensing Shipments to Protect Labor

By A. F. L. News Service.

Washington, D. C. (AP)—Senator Wagner is considering licensing shipments to protect labor.

#### Theater Mass Picketing Ban Decried by Mayor La Guardia

New York, N. Y. (AP)—Mayor La Guardia decried a ban on mass picketing of theaters.

#### San Pedro Police Kill Const Maritime Federation Officer

San Pedro, Calif. (AP)—San Pedro police killed a constable of the Maritime Federation.